



Arlington Conservation Commission

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Time: 7:00 AM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation.

Agenda

1. Administrative
 - a. Review Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Correspondence Received.
2. Discussion
 - a. Vote to Endorse a Comment Letter on Charles River Combined Sewer Overflows
 - b. Enforcement Order: 66-66R Dudley Street/993 Massachusetts Avenue.
 - c. Water Bodies Working Group.
 - d. CPA Committee Liaison.
 - e. Tree Committee Update.

3. Hearings

**DEP #091-0375: Notice of Intent: Winchester Country Club Greens (468 Mystic Street)
(Continued from 12/18/25)**

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The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent to perform golf course fairway and green reconfiguration and improvements. Areas proposed to be altered include Buffer Zone, Adjacent Upland Resource Area, and Riverfront Area associated with Herbert Meyer Brook.

Notice of Intent: Winchester Country Club Facilities (468 Mystic Street)

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The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent to conduct improvements to the facilities within the Buffer Zone, Adjacent Upland Resource Area (AURA), and Riverfront Area associated with Herbert Meyer Brook, and within the Buffer Zone and AURA of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The Commission expects to continue this hearing to the meeting of January 22nd, 2026, without discussion.



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Vote to Endorse a Comment Letter on Charles River Combined Sewer Overflows

Summary:

Vote to Endorse a Comment Letter on Charles River Combined Sewer Overflows

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
☐ Reference Material	Letter_from_Massachusetts_Conservation_Committees_to_the_MWRA_Board_of_Directors.pdf	Letter from Massachusetts Conservation Committees to the MWRA Board of Directors.pdf

Letter from Massachusetts Conservation Committees to the MWRA Board of Directors

To the MWRA Board,

We are writing in response to the proposal released by MWRA staff in late October recommending increased sewage discharges to the Charles River, Mystic River, and Alewife Brook under the updated Long Term Control Plan.

As representatives of conservation commissions and committees from communities across Massachusetts, we strongly oppose this proposal and urge you to pursue a plan that fully eliminates sewage releases rather than allowing them to persist.

The cleanup of Boston Harbor and its rivers stands as one of the nation's most significant environmental success stories—and it is central to MWRA's legacy. It is difficult to understand how the Authority could choose to abandon that progress before the work is complete. MWRA's original leaders set forth an ambitious Long Term Control Plan to dramatically reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs). In contrast, the revised plan now under consideration would increase overflow volumes and effectively lock CSOs in place indefinitely.

Through our work in local communities, we know that Massachusetts residents deeply value their natural resources and support investing in their protection. Allowing the Charles and Mystic Rivers to remain permanently subject to sewage discharges would not only harm nearby communities, but also send a troubling signal statewide—that we should accept pollution in our own rivers, streams, beaches, ponds, and lakes. Sewage discharges also pose serious public health risks that research shows disproportionately impact environmental justice communities.

It is long past time to make the investments necessary to end sewage discharges in the Charles River, Mystic River, and Alewife Brook—and ultimately in waterways across the Commonwealth—once and for all.

Sincerely,

Name

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CC:

DEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple

Governor Maura Healey

Lt Governor Kim Driscoll

US Senator Ed Markey

US Senator Elizabeth Warren

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